

HOPE TO RETAKE PEKIN

Nine Thousand Chinese Said to Be Advancing on the City.

Moving Westward From Shantung With the Intention of Attacking the Allies in the Rear—Indications That the Troops Are Those of Yuan Shih Kai, Armed With Modern Rifles and Trained by European Officers—Despatch From General Yamaguchi Intimates That the Japanese Cavalry Were Unsuccessful in Their Efforts to Capture the Emperor and Empress Dowager.

The only official news in regard to affairs in China made public here yesterday came through Japanese sources. A despatch received by the Government at Tokyo shows that there is likelihood of more fighting, the Chinese not having abandoned the hope of retaking Pekin. These advances bear the Pekin date of August 18, nine days ago. At that time Japanese and Russian cavalry had gone out to meet Chinese troops and Boxers who were threatening Pekin, and expected to encounter them on the 20th.

A Chinese force of 8,000 was reported to be advancing toward Pekin from the province of Shantung, adjoining on the south and southeast the province of Chi-li, in which Pekin is situated. A despatch received at the Japanese Legation here contained the above and gave the additional information that the Japanese cavalry that had started after the Emperor Dowager and the Empress had apparently abandoned the chase.

The despatch follows:

"Tokyo, Aug. 25. 'An official telegram, dated Pekin, August 18, was received at Tokyo from Yamaguchi, commander of the Japanese forces, to the following effect: 'The capital is now entirely cleared of the enemy. A cavalry regiment which had been sent to Wan Shau Shan (where the Empress Dowager's palace is located) reports that the imperial family, who had left Pekin August 14, started after a short rest at Wan Shau Shan, and were accompanied by the escort of General Ma and his troops, consisting of only about 500 horsemen and twenty carts. 'The Japanese troops occupied the Treasury Department, in which over 2,000,000 taels in silver and a large quantity of rice were found. 'Another telegram, dated Pekin, August 23, states that, as the Chinese troops and Boxers who had gathered at Nan Yuan, were about to attack the foreign forces at Pekin, Japanese and Russian cavalry were expected to encounter them on the 20th. The despatch further states that Chinese infantry, some 8,000 strong, with fifteen guns, are advancing northward from Shantung to make a rear attack on the allies."

The finest body of armed men in China is said to be the army of Yuan Shih Kai, Governor of Shantung. It consists of 10,000 soldiers, armed with modern rifles and trained by German officers. It was through Yuan that the messages sent out of Pekin by the Chinese Government for the foreign Ministers were transmitted. He established a courier service that could cover the 400 miles between Pekin and Tientsin, the provincial capital of Shantung, in two days.

For a time Yuan was undecided whether to regard a state of war as existing between China and the powers or to cultivate the friendship of the foreigners. He apparently decided in favor of the latter course, and on his own responsibility conducted correspondence with the foreign consuls at Chefoo, which showed a desire on his part to bring about peace.

Recently nothing has been heard from him. Since the fall of Pekin it has been reported from Shanghai that he was dead. It is not unlikely that the 9,000 Chinese foot troops reported to be advancing on Pekin from Shantung compose Yuan's European trained army.

At the State, the Navy, and the War Departments the responsible officials said yesterday that no news had been received from China in the past forty-eight hours. It is evident that the telegraph line from Pekin to Tientsin has been interrupted since the 19th instant. The last despatch from Minister Conger bore that Pekin date, but that message, which was sent from Pekin later than the 18th instant.

DANGER AT TREATY PORTS.

Missionary Writes of the Growing Hostility of Chinese.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The Rev. Dr. John Fox, Secretary of the American Bible Society, has received a letter from the Rev. John R. Hyde at Shanghai, saying that the work of the society in China is practically suspended. In regard to the hostility in the country around Shanghai Mr. Hyde wrote as follows:

"The rowdy element has been rapidly increasing at the ports and the soldiers who have been brought in to protect foreign life and property show unmistakable signs of hostility. Chang Chih Tung, Viceroy of the Hu Kiang province, fearing that he could not restrain his troops, had the French blocks taken out of the river at Wuchang, which command Hankow and taken to the Yamen, or some say, thrown into the river."

The letter also contained the following references to the American Bible Society and to the sufferings of a party of missionaries escaping from Honankou:

"Dr. F. Jones was on a journey up the Han River when disturbances broke out. He was shipwrecked when near the border of Shen-shi province, and this compelled him to return. He and his family undoubtedly owe their lives to this wreck, for nothing could have saved them if they had not gone to the province of Shen-shi at that time. He lost everything, including \$100 in money, and he had with him for the expenses of the journey. As soon as his boat capsized it was surrounded by robbers who stole everything that they could lay hands on."

"A party of twenty-one missionaries and three mining engineers from Honan have arrived here. They had a terrible experience. One missionary had his right hand almost severed at the wrist by a sword cut and his knee cap split from the same weapon. Another received a terrible wound on the back of his neck. One woman carried her little child, who was in a dying condition, for five days, and at last it expired in her arms."

See King and Queen at River View Wednesday, August 30.

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AGAINST PROTEST OF CONSULS.

Japanese Landing a Large Force of Marines at Amoy.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A despatch to the "Journal" from Amoy, China, August 26, says:

"The Japanese have been landing marines for three days, not only without provocation, but against the protest of the Consuls. Accidental destruction of the Japanese Temple by fire was the alleged excuse for their act, but the Amoy officials have proved their ability to preserve perfect order. There are 300 marines landing today."

"The excitement is intense and thousands of civilians are leaving the city. The officials with scores of merchants have fled to the American Consulate pleading with the consul to intercede for the withdrawal of the marines. Otherwise, they declare, it will be impossible to preserve order."

"The landing of the marines by the Japanese breaks the agreement of the powers with the Viceroy."

JAPAN'S ADVICE TO CHINA.

Urges Appointment of Suitable Envoys to Conduct Negotiations.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 26.—It is reported that Li Hung Chang has received a telegram from the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs stating that negotiations are impossible until China appoints plenipotentiaries who are acceptable to the powers. The Ministers suggest the appointment of the Viceroy of Nankin and Wangchao to co-operate with Li Hung Chang.

He also says it is necessary that China express regret, acknowledge formally her errors, and spontaneously offer complete indemnity. If this advice is followed Japan is ready to assist China to her utmost.

Transports are pouring into Taku with American, German, and Russian troops and supplies.

JAPS GUARD THE PALACE.

Tokyo Assures Protection to Emperor and the Dowager.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—In a despatch dated Shanghai, August 24, the correspondent of the "Times" says that Li Hung Chang has received a telegram from Pekin stating that Japanese troops alone occupy the palace. The Japanese Government has renewed its assurance that it will protect the persons of the Emperor and Empress Dowager.

The correspondent further says that he has learned that the German authorities have retained the services of certain residents of Shanghai and Hankow, under a year's agreement, to act as intelligence officers.

BATTLE NEAR TIENTSIN.

An Allied Force Defeats Chinese With Heavy Loss.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The India office issued this evening the following despatch from General Dordard:

"Tientsin, Aug. 26.—(Via Taku, Aug. 24.) A mixed force of Americans, Japanese, Austrians, and British, numbering a thousand, under my command, attacked on August 19 a large body of the enemy eight miles southwest of Tientsin. The enemy fled after two hours' hard fighting, leaving 300 killed and 60 prisoners. The total casualties of the mixed force were eleven wounded. The Japanese and British forces were the victors. The enemy had been treating the villagers badly. Many decapitated bodies were found near their camp. The villagers are now flocking to Tientsin at the rate of a thousand a day. There is not more than one month's food supplies for the people of Tientsin and there is every prospect of a famine shortly."

TO EMIGRATE TO MEXICO.

One Thousand Indians Preparing to Sell Their Land.

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 26.—One thousand or more Indians are going to emigrate to Mexico within a very short time, just as soon as they can sell their lands in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. It is said they will be led to this land of promise by Mary Big Buffalo, described in the reports as the princess of the reds.

For several years the reservation Indians in Oklahoma and some of the Five Civilized Tribes have been talking of selling their property in the United States and purchasing new homes in a more congenial country. Mexico has always been the place selected.

KILLED BY A THUNDERBOLT.

Lightning Strikes a Young Man at Berwick Pa.

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Aug. 26.—A terrible thunder storm swept over portions of Columbia County last Friday night and left a path of death in its tracks.

At Berwick the storm was at its worst, and Ralph Richards, aged twenty-one years, was killed by a bolt of lightning. He was struck behind the ear and his face was horribly burned.

At Berwick the storm was unusually severe. A bolt of lightning struck just between the feet of a team of horses and knocked them down.

Reports from throughout the county show great damage to the crops and farm buildings.

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WAR RUMOR DISCREDITED

Report of a Declaration Against China Not Confirmed.

No Official Advice That Russia, Germany, and Japan Have Assumed a Hostile Attitude Toward the Empire and Invited the United States and Great Britain to Retire—The Rumor Characterized at the Japanese Legation as Ridiculous—Reason for the Seizure of Nanchang Not Clear to This Government—An Alleged Proposal for a Division of Oriental Territory.

In the absence of advice on the subject the Government declines to accept or even to regard seriously the Chefoo rumor that Russia, Germany, and Japan have declared war on China and have invited the United States and Great Britain to retire from Chinese territory. At the Japanese Legation the report is characterized as ridiculous.

The report that the Russian commander at Pekin had declared that his country was at war with China came from such responsible sources that the Government was concerned, but the measures taken to ascertain whether such a declaration was actually made will not in any way give the Russian authorities cause for thinking that the United States have questioned their good faith in carrying out the objects to which the powers have committed themselves.

An Official's Opinion.

A very high officer of the Government, whose experience makes him authority, said yesterday:

"A declaration of war is a serious, solemn thing. A nation cannot make a declaration of war to a limited audience. It must make it to the world, so that every other nation may be prepared to assume the attitude which it desires to observe during the hostilities. There has been a great deal in the press about some nations having made a constructive declaration of war against China. There can be no such thing as a constructive declaration of war. The two terms are contradictory. What is probably meant to be conveyed by the writers who talk about constructive declarations is that Governments may be at war before any formal announcement of the fact is made. Wars have been fought without a declaration of hostilities. It was fourteen months after the ending of the Mexican war that the United States Congress declared to legalize certain acts during the period of hostilities and subsequently that war had existed between the United States and Mexico. Neither country declared war against the other."

No Declarations of War.

"No country has declared war against China. If it had, the United States would have been informed promptly. In the absence of any notice to that effect we must disregard any reports that any of the powers recognizes that a state of war exists between itself and China. This Government has no reason to believe that any other Governments are not adhering to the principles laid down by Secretary Hay in his note of July 3, and endorsed by all the powers."

"You cannot make war against part of a country. If any nation recognizes that a state of war exists between itself and China, it must regard itself at war with the whole of China and not the comparatively small part of the Chinese people in the province of Chi-li, where all the nations have co-operated for a common purpose."

The Government regards the attitude of all the nations co-operating in North China as identical, so far as it relates to that part of the Chinese Empire. It cannot see what ground any nation has for going to war on account of the occurrences in the province of Chi-li because international co-operation is attaining the objects which the powers set out to accomplish. It is recognized, however, that Russia and Great Britain occupy a somewhat different from those of the other powers on account of the invasion of the Amur territory by Chinese, and the interest which Great Britain has in the Yangtze Valley. These things, it is recognized, give Great Britain and Russia a wider interest in Chinese affairs than any other nation.

The Government is unable to understand the reasons of Russia in seizing Nanchang. It may be, according to what officials say, that Russia has taken this action as a means to help her to restore order in the Amur country. But as no definite information on the subject has been received the officials are in the dark as to Russia's purpose. No understanding has been obtained by the Government of Great Britain's reasons for landing troops at Shanghai. Whether the British Government intends to make a practical demonstration of its contention of control of the Yangtze region, or merely to protect the interests of its subjects at Shanghai, is not known here.

The Grievance of Germany.

It is recognized by the Washington authorities that Germany is in a position to declare war on China on account of the murder of Baron Ketteler. But this Government believes that Germany will not make the murder of her Minister an excuse for going to war. The German Government has declared its adherence to the objects to be accomplished in China set forth in Mr. Hay's note of July 3, and in suggesting to the powers the designation of Count von Waldersee as commander-in-chief of the allied forces in China, it was stated specifically that the operations to be conducted under the leadership of the distinguished German soldier were to be confined to the province of Chi-li.

There are reports in circulation, which

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NOT DUE TO CENSORSHIP

Delay in News Caused by Poor Telegraph Facilities.

The Field Line Said to Be Undermanned—The Pekin-Tientsin Wire Poorly Protected, Owing to Its Length and the Inability of Allies to Spare Men for Patrol-Foreign Commanders Making Efforts to Forestall a Famine Among the Natives—Railway Being Repaired—Whereabouts of Empress Unknown—Chinese Reports Intentionally Misleading—The Plot at Hankow.

MANILA MUNICIPAL CODE.

The Philippine Commission Busy With Civil Affairs.

MANILA, Aug. 26.—The Philippine Commission is thoroughly investigating and endeavoring to clear up the delay in the promulgation of a municipal code. Interest in the work of the commission is rapidly increasing, both Filipinos and foreigners anxiously awaiting the establishment of civil government.

The third day's session of the hearing regarding the ownership of property held by the Catholic Church was mainly occupied by Mr. Chapelle, the Papal delegate, and Mr. Nolasco, Archbishop of Manila, who advanced able arguments to show that the Church is the rightful owner of San Jose College, in Manila, a contention which the Philippines are combating with much bitterness. The Church supporters are also very bitter.

The rooms of the commission have been crowded during the sessions. The provincial native papers are agitating the subject under the title of "The Church versus the United States." The decision, which will be given in about three weeks, will establish a precedent in the enormous land cases involved in the claim of Church ownership, and will also have a strong influence on the relations between the Philippines and America.

There is a slight lull in military affairs. The official bulletins give only meagre reports of widely scattered operations during the past few days. There have been numerous skirmishes in the vicinity of Manila and in Camarines, the Visayan Islands, and Mindanao. Aguinaldo is reported to be in the vicinity of Nagasaki, where General Fenton and General Grant are constantly scouting in the mountains. The work is rough and wearisome. The enemy are hard to locate, as they are active and elusive. Small detachments of quarter-master trains have been lately captured, and the Americans, though they were quickly in pursuit, the Filipinos were unable to rescue them.

A typhoon which has lasted for seven days has relieved the threatened drought, and has caused a deluge of rain, with crops. All the streams are flooded and many of them are impassable. There has been a railroad washout half way between Manila and Baguio.

Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Wright, wives of the members of the Philippine Commission, who came to Manila on the transport Graceland, have sailed for America.

LIGHTNING'S FATAL WORK.

Two Killed and Several Injured at Union Hill, N. J.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Lightning struck a pavilion in the Union Hill, Schuylkill Park, in Union Hill, N. J., today, killing two boys and rendering four persons unconscious. One of the dead boys is H. Joseph Schoening, twelve years old, of Blum Street, Union Hill. The other was not identified.

The accident happened at 4:30 o'clock, a few minutes after a thunder storm began. It was the last day of the big Platt Deutsch Volkfest Verein, which began a week ago. When the storm broke 2,000 people were on the grounds. There is a large dancing pavilion in the park capable of sheltering five or six thousand people. There were many in other parts of the park too far away to get to it in time. These ran under the smaller pavilions, to each of which electric light wires lead.

Less than two minutes after the rain there was a loud report. A ball of fire struck a wire and shot along to one of the small pavilions. In an instant the fifty people who were in the pavilion were in a panic. Schoening and the other boy were standing beside each other directly under the electric light lamp. They fell together, as did an old lady who was standing close to them. Three men also fell, but they were only slightly stunned and recovered quickly.

Efforts to revive the others failed, and a coach was sent for a physician. Dr. F. D. Stellwagen, of Union Hill, arrived a few minutes later. He restored the old lady to consciousness and found that she was suffering from shock only. Schoening was dead when the physician arrived, having been killed instantly. The other boy died after Dr. Stellwagen had worked over him twenty minutes.

FELL INTO AN AIR SHAFT.

H. Coulter Brinker, an Actor, Killed in a New York Hotel.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—H. Coulter Brinker, an actor, of 13 Nelson Street, Newark, fell from a fifth story window into the air shaft at the Grand Hotel, Broadway and Thirty-first Street, at 4:30 o'clock this morning and was killed. He was found by the morning watchmen at a meeting held in the morning and his friend, Thomas Boyle, went to the hotel together Saturday night and registered from New Orleans, where both formerly lived. Brinker was assigned to room 144 and Doyle to 143, on the fifth floor.

It is supposed that the Newark man fell asleep in his chair by the window, where he could keep cool, and that he fell into the air shaft while half asleep. His bed was untouched. There was a chair by the window and Brinker's body was found dressed only in his undershirting. Boyle, who lives in Newark, and Coulter Brinker's wife, who is residing in his stock company play at the New Century Theatre. Her professional name is Una Abell. Brinker was thirty-five years old. He had been in New York about two years. He was leading man in the stock company at the Jacobs Columbia Theatre, Newark, and left late last night to take a similar place in the New Century Theatre.

See the Diving Bores

At River View Wednesday, August 30.

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HOOSIER STATE DEMOCRATIC.

Republican Poll Shows 18,000 Majority for Opposition.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—A special to the "World" from Indianapolis says: "It leaked out at Republican State headquarters today that their poll just completed shows Indiana to be Democratic by 18,000 majority. This revelation threw the Republican leaders into a state of consternation. Chairman Hervey secretly issued a call for a meeting of the State Executive Committee. To the members of the committee, Hervey said that at the present time the State is in the hands of the Democrats, and it will take a heroic effort for the Republicans to get it back for election."

"Poll books were carefully gone over and the members of the committee themselves verify the report that the State is Democratic by 18,000 majority. State candidates were informed of the situation and were urged to make a canvass of the State and assist in making a more thorough organization."

"Colonel Durbin, Republican candidate for Governor, who had been looking after the organization in his part of the State, will shift the scene of his operations."

"The Republican poll shows that the greatest change from the Republican to the Democratic column is in the counties comprising the gas belt. This is due to the operation of the trusts in that section of the State. Many of the largest and most important manufacturing plants of the cities in the gas belt have been closed within the last two years and thousands of men have been thrown out of employment."

"In Anderson, Mr. Durbin's home city, hundreds of laboring men have been thrown out of employment within the last year as a result of the operations of the trusts, and they will vote the entire Democratic ticket."

TO FIGHT FOR THE EAST.

The Democrats to Establish Headquarters in New York City.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—The Democratic National Committee will establish branch headquarters in New York next Wednesday. W. J. Stone, ex-Governor of Missouri and Vice Chairman of the National Committee, will be in charge. His associates in campaign management there will be Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland, D. J. Campau of Michigan, J. M. Guffey of Pennsylvania, Norman E. Mack of New York, and Representative J. D. Richardson of Tennessee.

This is the first step by the Democrats toward contesting the Eastern field, which was wholly abandoned by them in 1896. That it means a real fight in the East rather than a mere diversion to draw Republican fire is plain from the list of campaign managers chosen.

Campaigning in all the territories east of the Allegheny Mountains will be under the direction of the Eastern headquarters, with the possible addition of Ohio. The hardest work will be confined to West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New York, and Connecticut.

National headquarters here the managers believe they have a chance to carry these States with the help of reconciled Gold Democrats and disaffected Republicans.

The planning for this Eastern venture has been in progress ever since Chairman Jones' return from New York. The chief difficulties have been to enlist Gorman and to get promises of a campaign fund sufficient to carry on the Eastern work. W. J. Stone and Representative Richardson were here last week with Chairman Jones completing the details, and went from here East. From Mr. Stone came word yesterday that all preliminary work had been done and that the Western managers would meet in New York Wednesday.

ACCUSED BY TILLMAN.

South Carolina Editors Charged With Aiding the Whisky Trust.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 26.—In his last speech to the State campaign, made at Marion last night, Senator Tillman, naming the editors of the "Columbia State," "Charleston News and Courier," "Greenville News," and "Spartanburg Herald," the four chief dailies of the State, declared they had thrown every obstacle in the way of the success of the temperance law since its enactment, and he believed they were the paid agents of the Whisky Trust.

G. A. R. INVADERS CHICAGO.

Hosts of Veterans Already in the Windy City.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Chicago will extend her welcome tomorrow to the Grand Army of the Republic. The city greeted the veterans with a display of the most varied of the still numerous soldiers of the civil war poured in from all parts of the country today. Special patriotic services in all the churches ushered in the week of celebration. Other notable events of the day were religious exercises afternoon and evening at the Coliseum.

It is estimated at the headquarters in the Keith Building that 4,000 veterans arrived in Chicago Saturday and today. J. Tobias, chief of the bureau of information, estimated the crowd at 75,000. The first of the two great demonstrations that will be the chief features of the public side of the encampment will be held tomorrow when the naval veterans and the former prisoners of war will parade. The line of march will be followed by these associations will be the same as that which will be traversed Tuesday by the greater parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Woman Found Dead in a Chair.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 26.—Considerable mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Margaret Baxter, whose body was found in a rocking chair in the bathroom of her home on Roebeling Avenue. She had been dead for about eighteen hours when the body was discovered. County Physician Rogers has ordered an autopsy.

The Diving Bores, King and Queen.

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TO DISCUSS EACH ISSUE

Mr. Bryan Busy at Work on His Letter of Acceptance.

Democratic Candidate to Attend the Grand Army Reunion at Chicago—No Date Fixed for Silver Republican Notification—Populists Expected to Endorse Stevenson.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 26.—Mr. Bryan came back home this morning in time to go to church. After dinner he drove out to his farm, which has been neglected in recent stirring times.

Mr. Bryan will devote every spare moment now to work upon his letter of acceptance, which has also been receiving scant attention. In this, he says, he proposes to take up each issue as presented in the platform.

The President's inability to attend the Chicago Grand Army reunion will make no difference in Mr. Bryan's plans. He said this evening that he would leave Wednesday night for Chicago and on the following day expected to keep his appointment to address the veterans. His plans for the next few days are undetermined as yet, but as he will speak in Chicago the following Monday, he will probably remain there and take advantage of the opportunity to advise with the National Committee.

It would have gone to Chicago a little earlier in the week, but as the Populist National Committee meets Tuesday, to consider Towne's declaration, his visit was postponed. No date has yet been set for the Silver Republican notification, and none will be fixed until Mr. Bryan has had time to write a speech in response. His plans beyond the first week in September have not been formulated, but it is expected that his conference with the campaign managers in Chicago will be followed by an announcement of a speech-making tour.

The Prohibitionist organization is now very active in this State. Headquarters have been opened, arrangements are being made to circulate literature, and a speakers' bureau is being organized. The Prohibitionist Presidential nominee, Mr. Woolley, is to come to Nebraska for a dozen speeches next month.

Vice Chairman Edmiston and Secretary Edgerton, of the Populist National Committee, left today for Chicago to attend the meeting of the National Committee Thursday. They made the confident claim that when it comes to selecting a successor to Towne, Stevenson will have a majority of from twenty to thirty.

THE EVANS-BROWNLOW FIGHT.

Hanna's Letter Fails to Put an End to the Feud.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 26.—The Tennessee papers today publish the following letter addressed to A. J. Tyler, Chairman of the Brownlow State Executive Committee:

My Dear Sir: The National Committee has been advised that there are two Tennessee, both claiming to be the regular and elected representatives of the State for support. It has also been suggested to us that it is the purpose of the National Committee to place in the field candidates in the First and Second districts in opposition to the regular primary election, who were nominated in the regular primary election, authorized and managed by the regular party organization."

In view of these facts, the National Committee has deemed it advisable to say that we expect to maintain the organization which was organized by the National Committee and Convention at Philadelphia. We cannot see where any good can result from such an independent movement, and sincerely trust that no loyal Republican will lend his influence to that movement."

Yours truly, M. A. HANNA.

Chairman W. W. Tipton, of the Evans State Committee, was asked today what effect Hanna's letter would have. He replied that it would have the same effect as shaking a red rag in the face of an angry bull.

"We do not recognize Mr. Hanna as our boss, and we wear our own collar. Our committee meets next week to arrange for the fight and if there are any members on it who do not want to fight they will be forced to resign. It is Mr. Hanna's statement that we intend to put candidates in the field against Brownlow and Gibson is untrue. I suppose he got his information from Henry C. Gibson, who doubts how to pull Hanna's leg for campaign boodle. I certainly do not think there will be a compromise unless Mr. Hanna agrees to withdraw from the case and give a fair trial."